

HARDING MAY END HIS TALKS WITH THE NEWSPAPERS

Agreement to Avoid Quoting the President is Violated by Philadelphia Man.

THE WRITERS RESENT IT.

They Feel That Offending Correspondent Broke Faith at White House.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, June 10.—The question of the Executive's relations with the press is causing considerable agitation at the White House, and the opinion prevails that press conferences are drawing to a close. Weekly or semi-weekly conferences with the Washington correspondents, first started under the Wilson regime and later discontinued, were resumed at the beginning of the Harding Administration. Occasional conferences were held by Mr. Wilson up to war days, when they were discontinued.

When Mr. Harding was inaugurated the correspondents welcomed the restoration of "conference days." The Executive's affability and evident desire to "get along" with the press has resulted in large attendance. Whatever powers of comprehension Mr. Harding may lack in other fields, no one who has observed the workings of his mind at the press conferences doubts that he is keen and quick to see when an unfavorable twist has been given to a statement from his lips, or believes he is lagging in comprehending the popular reaction as portrayed by the newspapers to some occurrence in official circles. He may not always apply the proper antidote to remedy matters, but no one is quicker to see the unfavorable impression on the popular mind.

The first rift in the relations between the President and some of the correspondents occurred soon after the convening of the Limitation of Arms Conference in November last. Association of Nations talk was revived and in answer to an oral question from a newspaper man at a "White House conference" Harding replied in language which he later indicated was misinterpreted. It was generally construed by those present as meaning that the Executive "would not be displeased to see an Association of Nations grow out of the Arms Conference." When this was flashed over the United States, the "irreconcilables" who had hailed the 7,000,000 majority for Harding and Coolidge as a mandate to steer clear of all "foreign entanglements," expressed themselves in telegrams, letters and press statements in intimidating language. The uproar disconcerted the President. At the next press conference the Executive was very grave as he pointed out that the impression created by the press despatches as to the White House attitude was erroneous.

The next incident occurred in connection with the interpretation of the Four-Power Treaty. After the text of the treaty was announced, a correspondent propounded an inquiry which was in the minds of many "covering" the conference. He asked the President whether the mainland of Japan came within the provisions of the pact, and the President replied that it was not included.

When the correspondents had their regular daily conference with Secretary Hughes later during the day, he was asked the same question, and he responded that there was no question of the mainland being included. Then the Secretary of State was informed of Mr. Harding's interpretation. A little later Hughes went to the White House and that night a formal statement was issued by the President attempting to clear up the misunderstanding.

The subject of abolishing White House press conferences was discussed between Mr. Harding and his cabinet. Secretary Hughes was for ending the conferences. Secretaries Weeks, Fall and Daugherty argued for their continuation on the grounds that it might generate bad feeling in newspaper circles which would react against the Administration. They thought, furthermore, there would be more misunderstandings without the opportunity for consultation.

It was then decided to continue the semi-weekly meetings with the press, with the understanding that there were to be no oral questions. The correspondents were asked to submit all questions in writing, and the agreement was that in the event the President did not see fit to answer there were to be no further questions on the same subject. Otherwise, the subject could be taken up further in the President opened the door by answering the first question. There were no further jars until the past week, when announcement was made Tuesday that the interview with the President carried in a Philadelphia newspaper, in which the President was quoted as calling the critics of Mr. Daugherty "political blackguards" had greatly offended the Executive and was a gross breach of the agreement. It was said that one more such occurrence, or anything of the kind, would mean an instant termination of press conferences at the White House.

The interview in question was clearly a violation of the understanding between the Executive and newspaper men, which is that, while the President's remarks may be printed, in substance, he must never be directly quoted unless permission is asked in a specified instance.

SEWER CAVE-IN ROUTS 100 FROM BROOKLYN HOMES

Seventeen Families Driven by Police at Midnight From "Unsafe Buildings."

MANY SLEEP IN PARK.

Casing Over 18-Foot Sewer in Fort Hamilton Parkway Collapses.

Scores of men, women and children in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn early to-day had to find places to sleep in open lots, on sidewalks, porches, roofs and parks because the police decided a sewer cave-in made their homes unsafe.

The refugees were seventeen families, about one hundred persons, living in the five brick buildings at Nos. 6001 to 6009 Fort Hamilton Parkway, between 60th and 61st Streets.

Late yesterday a big crack appeared in the sidewalk in front of the apartments and later a hole 40 feet long and 30 feet wide appeared in the center of the avenue. Sewer Department officials said it apparently was due to the collapse from recent rains of the casing over an eighteen-foot trunk sewer, carrying with it tons of earth and asphalt.

Police Capt. James H. Gillen and Sgt. Sullivan of the Fourth Avenue Station went among the residents nearby early in the night and advised them to get out, but they were reluctant to go. About midnight the menace was so great an imperative order was issued.

At that time the cave-ins had continued on a smaller scale and in some places the holes were ten feet deep. The police had kept a watch on the neighborhood during the earlier hours. The Sewer Department had reported nothing could be done except shut off all the water in the neighborhood, so the outer mandate was issued as a precautionary measure.

Some of the residents took a portion of their household goods with them. Others were more fortunate in having friends in the neighborhood who gave them shelter. Although in some instances they had to sleep on floors, porches and stoops. The police had no quarters to offer them, but aided them as much as possible in finding places. Many remained awake all night.

One girl about fourteen years old spent part of the night in a lot with a newspaper as a sheet. Many babies occupied cradles that had been carried to a safe distance to vacant lots or the sidewalks.

DEMOCRATS GAIN IN MANILA ELECTION

Hold Balance of Power in Philippine Senate, Return Show.

MANILA, P. I., June 9 (Associated Press).—Latest returns from Tuesday's election indicate the Nationalist Party will continue in control of the Lower House of the Legislature, having won about fifty of the ninety seats. The new Collectivist Party has elected about fifteen, and the Democrats about the same. Nine members of the House are appointed by the Governor General to represent non-Christian tribes.

With reports from some districts still lacking, the strength of the Nationalist and Collectivist parties in the Senate appears about equal, with the Democrats Party holding the balance of power. Present indications are the Nationalist and Collectivist parties will have about nine Senators and the Democrats five. The membership is twenty-four. The Governor General appoints one Senator for the non-Christian tribes.

The strength of the Democrats in the Legislature represents large gains. They also elected a number of Provincial Governors and other officials.

MARRIES 62 COUPLES IN JUST 150 MINUTES

And Deputy City Clerk Says It's Warm Work.

"What is so tough as a Saturday in June" is the way Deputy City Clerk James J. McCormick misquoted Lovell today. Between 2:30 A. M. and noon he married sixty-two couples in the little marriage chapel on the third floor of the Municipal Building.

Whether love will ever grow cold between any of those whom he united, he asserts that the uniting was warm enough work on a day like this.

Over two hundred marriage licenses were issued.

NEW DIAMOND RUSH IN KIMBERLEY FIELD

Cape Town, South Africa, June 10 (Associated Press).—The biggest rush in the history of South Africa's alluvial diamond diggings occurred at Mossesberg, sixty miles from Kimberley, today. Sixteen thousand diggers pegged out claims.

The line of start for the peggers extended over four miles, and immediately after the proclamation was read the diggers, each carrying four pegs, rushed to the points they were to mark.

POLICE LIEUT. CLARKE DIES IN MOUNT VERNON

Lieut. Irving P. Clarke of the Mount Vernon Police Department died today at the Mount Vernon City Hospital from spinal meningitis. Lieut. Clarke had been connected with the police force for twenty-four years, during which time he had run down a large number of burglars and other criminals. He was fifty-five years old and leaves two sons and one daughter.

NO RELIEF IN SIGHT OVER WEEK END AS DOZEN DIE OF HEAT

Day Starts With Mercury at 78, Two Degrees Higher Than Yesterday.

With nearly a dozen deaths and a score of prostrations in New York City resulting from the unseasonable heat of the last few days, little hope was held out by weather officials for relief over the week-end. Black clouds and vivid flashes of lightning which seemed to forecast showers and fresh breezes last night failed to bring expected relief and the added humidity merely increased the discomfort.

The thermometer today started out even more ominously than yesterday. At 9 o'clock the heat had sent the mercury on the front of the Pulitzer Building to 78—two degrees more than yesterday at the same hour.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the thermometer stood at 82 degrees while the humidity stood at 58. Thunder showers are predicted for to-night and Sunday but with them only temporary relief from the heat is promised.

Apparently affected by the heat, Alfred E. Eagliston, seventy-two, stabbed his son, John, in the neck with a penknife and then lacerated his own neck with the same weapon. Neither was badly hurt. The attack was made in the Eagliston apartment at No. 415 46th Street, Brooklyn.

Gertrude Rabitz, fifteen years old, of No. 254 Livingston Street, was instantly killed last night when she fell from the fourth floor window of the tenement to the sidewalk. According to her parents, she leaned out the window for relief from the heat, became faint and lost her balance.

Four other deaths and eight recorded prostrations were caused by the heat yesterday. In addition, one woman committed suicide.

LENIN IS DEAD, WASHINGTON TOLD

Embassy Gets Advice, but Hughes Has No Confirmation.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Nicolai Lenin, who for nearly five years had dominated the Communist experiment in Russia, is dead, according to reports received at an embassy here.

In Moscow, the report says, it is common knowledge, though there has been no publication with respect to it, that he died several days ago. This report is circumstantial, saying he had a stroke, following which he was out of his mind for about ten days before his death.

The State Department and the Russian Relief, headed by Herbert C. Hoover, have had no confirmation of Lenin's death. The State Department has heard unofficial reports of Lenin suffering a stroke, but nothing about his being out of his mind and nothing about his death.

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He was tried for the murder of Gertrude Yates in London three weeks ago and saved from hanging by commitment to a hospital for the criminal insane. The facts of his conviction and sentence in Alameda, across the bay from San Francisco, were brought to light by William Maderia, postoffice inspector, who traced True in his flight from the Pacific Coast to New Orleans, where he was arrested for the theft and forgery of money orders. Comparison of photographs of the English felon with those of True taken here completed the identification.

At the time of his conviction here he claimed right to the title and the name "Honorable Arthur Reginald French, otherwise Lord De Freyne of French Park, County Roscommon, Ireland."

He was an adventurer and born soldier of fortune, according to the officer who trailed him from here to New Orleans.

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Girl Does Hundred Yards in 12:1 And Will Run at Olympic Games



MISS DOROTHY BOUGH.

Miss Dorothy Bough, a student at the Temple University, ran yesterday at a meet in Philadelphia and made the 100-yard dash in the good time of 12:1.

She is said to be the only girl athlete in the country who wears the regulation running suit and will be one of America's representatives at the Olympic Games to be held in Paris.

English Slayer Claimed Title of Lord De Freyne in California

Major Ronald True, Who Killed Gertrude Yates, Served Sentence for Postal Forgery.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.—Major Ronald True, whose reprieve from the gallows for murder brought a storm of protest from the British press yesterday, claimed to be Lord De Freyne, stepson of Lord Glen Falloch of Scotland, when he served a fifteen months' sentence in the Alameda, Cal., County Jail in 1915 for forging stolen postal money orders.

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BANKERS IN FAVOR OF SMALL LOAN TO RELIEVE GERMANY

Question of Large Advance Dismissed to be Taken Up Later.

PARIS, June 10 (Associated Press).—An important conclusion arrived at by the International Committee of Bankers, as set forth to-day in their final report to the Allied Reparations Commission, is that although a large international loan to Germany cannot be recommended at the present time, the subject can be taken up later and that meanwhile a relatively small loan, to prevent a financial collapse in Germany, might be arranged if necessities should require it.

The committee held its final meeting this morning, adjourning sine die at noon after adopting its report. J. P. Morgan will leave for London to-day and will sail for New York early next week. George Whitney, partner in the Morgan firm, who came with Mr. Morgan to Europe for the committee's sessions, will remain in Paris until next Tuesday.

WOONSOCKET SWEEP BY \$750,000 FIRE

Six Men Hurt—Three Blocks, Including Newspaper Building Destroyed.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., June 10.—Fire in the heart of Woonsocket's business section to-day destroyed three blocks of buildings before it was controlled. The plant of the Woonsocket Call, an afternoon newspaper, was destroyed. Damage is estimated at \$750,000.

Hose companies were rushed from Worcester, Mass., and additional engines and hose trucks came from Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls.

The plants of the Gillette Safety Razor Company and of the American Sugar Refining Company were threatened for a time.

Six firemen were injured when the walls of the Crowell building collapsed.

HUNTING AXE-FIEND WHO SLEW WOMAN

Dogs Take Trail to Swamp, Leading Hundreds in Search.

JACKSON, Mich., June 10.—The axe-fiend who hacked Alice Mallett to death in the street here Thursday night is being hunted with bloodhounds to-day in a swamp, near the spot where a man and a woman were killed with an axe three years ago.

The bloodhounds followed a trail from the scene of the murder to the swamp. Hundreds of men were beating through the bog in fan-shaped formation.

Bloody fingerprints on the handle of the axe with which Miss Mallett was slain were considered a valuable clue to-day. A number of suspects had their fingerprints taken by Capt. Harmon of the State Constabulary.

Robert Brooks, in front of whose house the mutilated body of Miss Mallett, matron of the Florence Crittenton Girls' Home, was found, has been released upon satisfying the police that he would appear as a witness when wanted.

LIETECTOR FREES SUSPECTED MAN

Husband of Slain Woman Put Under Sphymomanometer.

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HE WAS TOO BUSY, FOCH WASN'T, TO AID BLIND POILU

Marshal Upbraids Official of Institute for Surly Action.

PARIS, June 10 (Associated Press).—"Excuse me, but I hear the 'Wounded Soldiers' Institute?" asked a blind veteran of a passing pedestrian as he tapped his way along the sidewalk. "I've only been there twice, and I'm not quite sure of the way."

"You are close to it now; let me take you," came the reply. Arriving at the door, the guide said to the janitor: "Kindly take this man to the section for the blind."

"Take him yourself," growled the janitor. "Under the archway on the other side of the courtyard."

The civilian did so, but on the way out addressed the janitor again. "Couldn't you be a little more obliging to the blind?" he asked, gently.

"There are too many, and I haven't the time," was the surly reply. "It seems to me it is your duty to help them," said the other. "I can find time—and I am Marshal Foch."

MANUAL TRAINING BEATS RICH'D HILL EIGHT TO NOTHING

Victors Will Play George Washington for Championship of P. S. A. L. Saturday Next.

Manual Training High School baseball team defeated the Richmond Hill nine at Parkville Oval, Brooklyn, to-day by a score of 8 to 0. The contest decided the winners of the Brooklyn and Queens championship and the Manual team earned the right to meet George Washington nine for the P. S. A. L. championship of Greater New York. This contest will be staged next Saturday at South Flies.

It was through no fault of Pitcher Neppell of Richmond Hill that his team lost. The twirler struck out fifteen Manual batsmen and but for erratic support in the field would have turned in a victory. Edmonds, working on the mound for Manual, also twirled in good form. He allowed his opponents but four hits and fanned eight.

The winning team garnered eleven hits, several of them questionable, off Pitcher Neppell. Pease, second baseman of Manual, led his team with three hits out of four trips to the plate. Pease accounted for two singles and one double. Dono, third base, got two doubles in four times at bat.

ENRIGHT CAUGHT IN "PEA-SOUP" FOG

He and 749 Others Transferred to Tenders at Cherbourg.

CHERBOURG, June 10 (Associated Press).—In a thick fog out in the open sea, 750 of the White Star liner Olympic's passengers were transferred during the middle of the night to tenders and landed at Cherbourg without mishap this morning.

The Olympic, which sailed from New York last Saturday, entered a thick bank of "pea-soup" fog twenty miles out, making further progress shoreward hazardous. She wireless her position and tenders found her after some trouble.

The transfer was effected to the accompaniment of a long ground swell. Police Commissioner Enright of New York was among those landed in the tenders. He is proceeding to Paris to investigate police methods.

SEX OF UNBORN FLIES IS CHANGED BY X-RAYS

Prof. Mavor of Union College Announces Discovery.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., June 10 (Associated Press).—Announcement that he had succeeded in changing the sex of unborn banana flies and otherwise altering their hereditary characteristics by use of the X-ray was made by James W. Mavor, professor of zoology at Union College, in a commencement week address before alumni of the school.

While he did not predict any practical application of his discoveries in efforts to alter the transmission of hereditary characteristics in animals or plants, Prof. Mavor said he did anticipate they would be of great help in making a sound foundation for the therapeutic use of X-rays.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS ELECT OFFICERS, END MEETING

ASBURY PARK, N. J., June 10.—P. N. Thorpe of Glen Ridge, N. J., was elected Grand Conductor to-day at the closing session of the United Commercial Travellers of America, New Jersey and Delaware jurisdiction. Others elected were: Grand Junior Conductor, W. Brathwaite, Trenton, N. J.; Grand Secretary, C. H. Egan of Irvington, N. J.; his seventh term; Grand Treasurer, J. E. Agnew of Trenton; to the Grand Executive Committee, A. A. Whitten, Haddonfield, N. J.; and J. V. Lenox of Trenton; representatives to the Supreme Council, P. P. Patterson, Jersey City, and J. M. Amberger, Newark.

EXPECT TO AGREE ON CONSTITUTION FOR IRISH TO-DAY

Lloyd George and Griffith Meet to Settle Remaining Differences.

LONDON, June 10 (Associated Press).—After to-day's meeting of the British signatories of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, it was stated that Arthur Griffith, President of the Dail Eireann, would meet Prime Minister Lloyd George this afternoon and that it was likely a settlement of the questions at issue would be reached.

DUBLIN, June 10.—The houses at Athenry, County Galway, of disbanded Royal Irish Constabulary men, who had ignored warnings to leave town, were attacked last night with rifles and machine guns, says a dispatch from a correspondent at Tuam, County Galway, to-day. No casualties were reported, but the constables took the hint and are leaving, it was added.

The Ulster frontier trouble has been smoothed away, temporarily at least, and Michael Collins's Dublin speech is taken as an indication that the Southern leaders are determined to avoid anything likely to keep the wound open.

BELFAST, June 10 (Associated Press).—Sinn Feiners early to-day attacked a house in which a detachment of special constabulary was quartered. When they extinguished the street lamps it aroused the guards, who awakened the constables.

A bomb was hurled through a skylight, but injured no one. This was followed by rapid revolver fire, likewise without effect. The attackers were discovered on the roofs of adjoining buildings, were fired upon and escaped.

Several incendiary fires were reported this morning.

DE VALERA WILL SPEAK IN SCOTLAND NEXT WEEK

DUBLIN, June 10.—Eamon De Valera, Irish Republican leader, accompanied by Austin Stack, will visit Scotland next week to address a number of meetings, it was announced to-day.

De Valera has been barred from speaking publicly in Glasgow but will speak at Dalmuir, just outside the city limits.

LIGHTNING BOLT KILLS THOUSANDS OF FISHES

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 10.—Thousands of fishes, ranging in size from one inch bottom feeders to five-foot sharks, are dying along the Pender Coast and are being washed upon the beaches in shoals over a stretch of twenty miles. Dr. J. H. Hamilton, County Health Officer, has requested the Government Fisheries Bureau to send experts here to determine the cause of the phenomenon.

Dr. Hamilton advanced the opinion that the fish were killed by lightning during the severe electrical storms of the last few days.

PRINCE OF MONACO OPERATED ON

PARIS, June 10 (Associated Press).—The Prince of Monaco was operated on for an intestinal malady early this morning in a private clinic here. It was announced to-day.

His advanced age and that this is the second operation within a year gives some apprehension.

SHIP NEWS INFORMATION

Due To-Day.

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